

Members:

Rep. Robert Kuzman, Chair
Rep. Vern Tincher
Rep. Gloria Goeglein
Rep. Matt Whetstone
Sen. Becky Skillman, V. Chair
Sen. Steve Johnson
Sen. Rose Antich
Sen. Vi Simpson



Lay Members

Garland Ferrell
Frank Fritch
Margaret Tucker
Vernon Jewell
Douglas Lechner
Gloria Stephani
Bill Mansard
Jean Paul Lushin
John Catey
Al Dillon
Richard Dodge

COUNTY GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION

Legislative Services Agency
200 West Washington Street, Suite 301
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2789
Tel: (317) 232-9588 Fax: (317) 232-2554

LSA Staff:

Beverly Holloway, Fiscal Analyst for the Commission
Ross Hooten, Attorney for the Commission
James Jett, Attorney for the Commission

Authority: P.L. 109-1997

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: October 22, 1998
Meeting Time: 10:00 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., Room 404
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 2

Members Present: Rep. Robert Kuzman, Chair; Rep. Gloria Goeglein; Rep. Matt Whetstone; Sen. Becky Skillman, Vice-Chair; Sen. Steven Johnson; Sen. Rose Antich; Sen. Vi Simpson; Garland Ferrell; Margaret Tucker; Vernon Jewell; Douglas Lechner; Gloria Stephani; Bill Mansard; John Catey; Al Dillon; Richard Dodge.

Members Absent: Rep. Vern Tincher; Frank Fritch; Jean Paul Lushin.

Representative Kuzman, Chair, called the meeting to order. The minutes from the July 17, 1998, meeting were approved with the following change: page 2, under **Commission Member Discussion**, (4) Moving the welfare programs to state control and financing.

Nick Pasyanos, Director of Legislative Services, Association of Indiana Counties (AIC)

Mr. Pasyanos provided the Commission members with a copy of the testimony he presented to the Governor's Commission on Taxes on October 13, 1998.¹ Based on the information provided by Mr. Pasyanos the Commission members discussed the following items: (1) the role of the county assessor if the state implements a fair market value system; (2) the removal of the county judges and the financing of the judicial system financing from the county level and place them under state control; (3) place the control and financing of family and social services programs under the control of the state and remove them from county control.

Matt Brooks, Executive Director, AIC

¹This document is on file in the Legislative Information Center, Room 230, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana. The telephone number of the Legislative Information Center is (317) 232-9856, and the mailing address is 200 W. Washington St., Suite 301, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2789.

Mr. Brooks updated Commission members on the status of the County Task Force. Mr. Brooks stated that the AIC has brought together a number of county elected officials and representatives of many county affiliated groups to discuss the role and function of county government and to find opportunities for improved efficiencies in county operation and function. He stated that the task force members were assigned to specific subcommittees. Each subcommittee was instructed to develop a specialized approach in determining the issues facing county government and to develop recommendations for improved county operation.² Mr. Brooks stated that the Task Force will continue working over the next few months to develop specific recommendations on the issues identified by the subcommittees. He added that the recommendations will be presented to the Commission at a future meeting. Commission members discussed several of the issues identified by the subcommittees and presented by Mr. Brooks.

Other Business

The Commission approved by voice vote the draft of the annual report required (P.L. 109-97) to be submitted to the General Assembly not later than November 1 of each year.

There being no further business, Representative Kuzman adjourned the meeting.

² A copy of this document is available in the Legislative Information Center (See Footnote 1).